

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2008**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, City of Monticello, Indiana was held on Monday, September 2, 2008 at 6:00 pm. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jason Thompson. Caitlin Tirpak led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call by Clerk Treasurer Liz Oilar was answered by Mayor Jason Thompson, Council Members Dave Kelly, Jim Mann, Grace Oilar, Bill Smith, and Eric Storm, and City Attorney George Loy.

There being no additions, deletions, or corrections to the minutes of the meeting of August 18, 2008, a motion was made by Council Member Bill Smith, and seconded by Council Member Grace Oilar, to approve the minutes as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Citizen Participation

Terri Williams asked the Council if there were any ordinances against or permits required to paint a mural or sign on the side of a commercial building. She was advised by City Attorney George Loy to contact Area Plan with her concerns.

Department Head Reports

Police Chief Curt Blount stated that they had experienced a rough holiday weekend. They are working on a couple of grants. He's hoping things quiet down in the next few weeks.

Street Superintendent Doug Roberts stated the sidewalk project has started again, and they have milled a few alleys for repair.

Park Superintendent Mitch Billue stated that they had finished the tots lot at the City Park. He has had lots of positive feedback. The City Pool has closed as of Labor Day. The pool had the best revenue year ever by \$500.00. He believes the increase in swim lessons was a large contributing factor.

Wastewater Superintendent Joe Mowrer stated that everything is quiet on their end. North Main Street is a fond memory with new pavement. He is working on a possible grant for the National Homes area.

Water Superintendent Rod Pool stated that they like this hot weather because everyone uses a lot of water. They will be flushing hydrants in town on September 22nd through September 26th.

Fire Chief Shane Swaim stated that they had a busy holiday weekend with ambulance runs and the MDA. The pancake breakfast put on by the Fire Rescue Association

brought in \$900.00, which will be used to refurbish their water rescue boat. The MDA boot drive raised \$3223.95. The aerial truck project is still going on and he is still collecting information.

Committee Reports

Council members Grace Oilar and Eric Storm have been going through the ordinances of the City of Monticello and have found three areas that need revised. These areas are the unsafe building ordinance, operating or parking motor vehicles in residential yards, and penalties for violations. They feel that if they address these issues, it would eliminate several problems throughout the City. The Council will review their findings and act on these issues at a later date.

Mayor Jason Thompson stated that the City has appointed Phil Vogel and Dr. Robert Hanni as members to the Common Construction Wage Board Committee. They will be the City's two representatives to that Board. Dave Diener is the County's appointee. There are two other members appointed by the State. The Department of Labor will schedule a hearing to establish the wages. This is in connection to our City Storage Building at the Waterworks.

Public Hearing; 2009 Budget

City Attorney George Loy stated that the floor was open to discussion, questions, or comments concerning the proposed 2009 Budget. The Notice has been duly published. Copies of the entire budget are available for inspection at the Clerk Treasurer's office. There being no discussion, questions, or comments, Mayor Jason Thompson closed the public hearing.

Discussion of Pregnancy Center 5K Route – Sandy Miller

Sandy Miller addressed the Council regarding the Pregnancy Center's 5K Route on Saturday, October 11, 2008 from 8:00 am to 9:00 am. They will start at the Monticello Christian Church. Gordon Road and South Main, past Countrybrook, needs the City's approval. The County will also be affected with this route. She was advised to get the County's approval for the 5K. Council member Jim Mann made the motion to permit the Pregnancy Center 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, October 11, 2008 with the proposed route, and also the motion that Sandy will coordinate with the County to make sure they are aware of what the Pregnancy Center is proposing to do, seconded by Council member Grace Oilar. All ayes, motion carried.

Discussion of TLHS Student Council – Homecoming Parade Route – Allison Conrad

Allison Conrad, President of the Student Council at TLHS, asked the Council for permission to have the Homecoming Parade on Friday, September 19, 2008 at 4:00 pm. The route would be from the high school at Jefferson Street to Main, (which is also 421, and she is getting permission from INDOT), Main to Foster, Foster to Illinois, Illinois to Jefferson, back to the high school. Council member Jim Mann made the motion to approve the student council Homecoming Parade on September 19, 2008 at 4:00 pm, seconded by Council member Bill Smith. All ayes, motion carried.

Determination of Trick or Treat Night

Mayor Jason Thompson stated to the Council that the Monticello Chamber of Commerce had dropped off information regarding Trick or Treat night. They would like to have the Halloween parade on Saturday, October 25, 2008 at 3:00 pm. Halloween actually falls on Friday, October 31, 2008. Council member Grace Oilar asked the parents in the audience their opinions. After much discussion, it was decided the Council would phone residents, get their feedback, and table their decision until next meeting.

Consideration of Banking Service Bidding and Analysis – HJ Umbaugh

Clerk Treasurer Liz Oilar stated that she has been working with Jeff Messer, HJ Umbaugh, with investing for the City. He also will help with banking service bidding and analysis. She has talked to City Attorney George Loy and this is something the City needs to do every few years and it is time. There is a one time fee of \$2500.00. Council member Jim Mann made the motion to approve the banking service bidding and analysis with HJ Umbaugh, seconded by Council member Dave Kelly. All ayes, motion carried.

Praise Fest 2008 – Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church – Donya Tirpak

Donya Tirpak stated that Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church wants to have a Praise Fest for the youth on Sunday, October 12, 2008 from 4:00 pm to 8:30 pm. This will be held at the church parking lot. They are inviting other youth groups around the community. There will be bands, also. She is asking for permission to close Fraiser Street during this time, from Main Street to Bluff Street, approximately to the alley. Council member Grace Oilar made the motion to give Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church permission to hold their Praise Fest on Sunday, October 12, 2008 from 4:00 pm to 8:30 pm, seconded by Council member Bill Smith. All ayes, motion carried. Mayor Jason Thompson asked Council member Grace Oilar to make an amendment to the motion. Council member Grace Oilar made the motion to close Fraiser Street from Main to the alley at Bluff during the hours of the Praise Fest, seconded by Council member Bill Smith. All ayes, motion carried.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Liz Oilar
Clerk Treasurer